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The Chinese Delegation hereby requests that the following elements be incorporated in the recommendations to the 2005 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

1. Nuclear-weapon-free zones are of great significance in promoting nuclear disarmament, preventing proliferation of nuclear weapons and enhancing regional and global peace and stability.

2. All nuclear-weapon states should undertake unconditionally not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states or nuclear-weapon-free zones and conclude international legal instrument thereupon.

3. The principles on Establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones adopted by the United Nations Disarmament Mission in 1999 should be strictly observed.

4. The nuclear-weapon states should support efforts by non-nuclear-weapon states to establish nuclear-weapon-free zones, respect the legal status of nuclear-weapon-free zones, and undertake corresponding obligations in a legally binding manner.

5. The nuclear-weapon states should take measures to materialize security assurances provided in all nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties and relevant protocols in accordance with the provision of paragraph 5, article 7 in the Final Document of 2000 NPT Review Conference.

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